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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

SUBJECT: Space Station Report (Draft) (U)

1. (U) Reference is made to your memorandum on 4 August 1983, subject as above.

2. (S) I am supportive of the central concept of a manned space station

while the report satisfactorily presents the three options and the related supporting arguments, it is inadequate for Presidential decision-making in several respects.

3. (S) The option committing the U.S. now to a permanently manned civil space station provides insufficient data related to costs, alternative funding sources, and the impacts of such funding on critical national security programs. Furthermore, it does not inform the President of significant enhancements in the national security space programs which are also required to maintain an effective space intelligence effort.

4. (S) If the President is intent on an early commitment, I am inclined to support Option 2, which provides a gradually developing capability to explore the uses of man-in-space for civil and national security objectives, but is not fraught with potentially severe consequences to other critical national security objectives. The prudent approach, however, is to defer commitment at this time pending completion of the comprehensive study outlined in Option 3.

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